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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS, SF
SUBJ: SA ARMY OFFICER KILLED IN ACTION ON NORTHERN BORDER

1. SAG HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A SADF OFFICER, LT. FREDERICK ZEELIE, 22, WAS KILLED DURING SKIRMISH WITH GUERRILLAS ON NORTHERN BORDER APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AGO. ZEELIE IS BELIEVED TO BE FIRST MEMBER OF SADF TO BE KILLED IN ACTION WHILE SERVING ON BORDER. THERE HAVE BEEN FATALITIES IN PAST, BUT THESE ALL HAVE BEEN SA POLICEMEN.

2. SA NEWSPAPERS HAD WIND OF STORY AS EARLY AS JUNE 24, BUT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DID NOT GIVE PERMISSION FOR NEWS TO BE PUBLISHED UNTIL NIGHT OF JUNE 29, A DAY AFTER ZEELIE'S FUNERAL. SAG HAS CONTINUED TO WITHHOLD INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE ZEELIE WAS KILLED AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS DEATH. EMBARGO ON NEWS HAS LED TO SPECULATION THAT SKIRMISH MAY HAVE
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TAKEN PLACE SOMEWHERE ELSE THAN CAPRIVI STRIP, E.G., ALONG

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SOUTH AFRICAN BORDER WITH RHODESIA OR MOZAMBIQUE. WE SHOULD
HAVE CLARIFICATION ON THIS LATTER TODAY WHEN SADF WILL HOLD
BRIEFING FOR MILITARY ATTACHES.
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